



AFRICAN-AMERICAN BABIES AT HIGHER RISK FOR SIDS

Last year of the nearly 4,000 babies who died from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), the sudden and unexplained death of an infant under one year of age, nearly two and a half times more African-American babies than white babies died. But there are some simple steps all parents and other caregivers can take to reduce the risk. The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests: Placing babies on their backs to sleep; babies should sleep on firm surfaces, free of fluffy bedding and soft toys or pillows; create a smoke-free environment around your baby; keep the baby's room temperature comfortable, it should never get too warm when sleeping; make sure the baby receives immunizations on schedule; expectant mothers must receive early and regular prenatal care and should not smoke, drink alcohol, or use drugs (unless prescribed by a doctor) during pregnancy. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, a part of the National Institutes of Health, has launched the "Back to Sleep" campaign to educate parents and caregivers about SIDS. To obtain campaign materials call (800) 505-CRIB.

BLACK AND WHITE INVESTORS DIFFER SHARPLY

Black investors want top returns but are often less willing than whites to take the investment risks necessary to make more money, according to a poll reported in Money magazine. African Americans aim for higher returns (14.7 percent) than whites (11 percent) on average. Black women are much more likely to call the financial shots in their households. Women are the primary financial decision makers for 21 percent of African-American married couples while wives play that role for just 10 percent of white couples. African Americans are more likely than whites to rely on financial advisors and less likely to listen to friends or family members. A full 54 percent of Blacks said that they would rely on a financial advisor versus 46 percent for whites, while only 31 percent of African Americans would turn to family and friends compared to 46 percent of whites.

FREE SISSOKO

MIAMI—More than 300 African Americans will converge on the Federal District Attorney's Office to demand the release of an African diplomat Mustafa Bana Sissoko. According to the West Gazette reporters allege that Sissoko has been unjustly held under house arrest for 45 days and a \$20,000 monthly bond. However, a federal indictment has charged him with bringing a U.S. customs officer and passport fraud. The report also informs that with the assistance of some of Sissoko's employees officials were able to catch him as he attempted to purchase military helicopters from a customs agent. Advocates for Sissoko suggest that because he speaks no English he was unknowingly entrapped. They further cite his many philanthropic endeavors in Africa and even the U.S. as evidence of his good will. The Gambian government, claiming diplomatic immunity, has formally requested that all charges be dismissed.

ALEXIS HERMAN CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON—The April 30 confirmation of the Honorable Alexis M. Herman as secretary of the United States Department of Labor was hailed as appropriate, fully justified and long overdue by the Black leadership forum, Inc. (BLF). Speaking from his office in Atlanta, GA, BLF's chairman Dr. Joseph E. Lowery stated: "Supporters of the super-qualified, extraordinary experienced Labor Secretary, Alexis M. Herman, rejoice that the Senate has experienced a much delayed epiphany of equity and conscience and overwhelmingly voted for her confirmation."

EAST AFRICAN PASSPORT LAUNCHED

ARUSHA, TANZANIA (PANA)—The passport of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda met in Arusha, Tanzania on April 29, 1997 to launch the East African passport. This new integrated passport is meant to facilitate travel for nationals of the three countries. The leaders also inaugurated the East African Development Strategy for the period 1997-2000, and a common body, to cap the ongoing initiative towards regional unity. Presidents Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya noted that the occasion was a milestone in efforts to foster cooperation between African states. He regretted the break-up of the East African Community in the late 1990s and said it should not have been allowed, adding that if the community had not broken up, East Africa would have made major strides in economic and social development. Yoweri Museveni of Uganda stressed the importance of constructing roads which will connect the region and enhance cooperation.

Green remains as Dem Chair, says party

By Daryle Lamont Jenkins

PLAINFIELD—In a letter from the Union County Democratic Chairwoman to Gerald Green, Municipal Chairman of the Plainfield Democratic Municipal Committee, the meeting held two weeks ago to impeach him holds no validity with the committee. Green, who has been besieged with an anti-Green campaign which included anonymous flyers and newsletters distributed throughout the city over the past month, shot back at its organizers, saying that the meeting was entirely political and an attempt to embarrass him, courtesy of persons loyal to Mayor Mark Fury.

On April 28, a meeting was held at the Eagle Club by members of the Democratic City Committee who charged Green with misconduct, particularly in a April 2 candidate screening process in which they said Green stacked the deck by inviting 50 guests that were allowed to vote in the process that decided who would receive the party line. Chairman Green says that bringing guests to the process was perfectly legal and nothing new, noting that four years ago he brought in eight persons to participate in the process without any controversy.

The members held a vote of impeachment, which passed by a 17-2 margin, and a second vote reelected him with city worker Johnny Walcott. There were charges during that meeting by other committee members that the proceedings were not legal, and Union

County Democratic Chairwoman Charlotte DeFilippio upheld those charges. In the letter to Green, she wrote that the meeting was inappropriate and holds no standing or validity according to the party rules or recognized standards. "In short, 17 persons may not remove a Chairman of a body constituted of some 64 people," she wrote, further dismissing the meeting as a "non-issue."

According to Green, the persons involved in the campaign against him desire to form a third party comprised of independent Democrat and Republicans, and, after being one time allies, are no longer affiliated with him or the Democratic Party. He noted that some persons at the Eagle Club meeting, such as Bob Chadwick and Rose Walker, were Republicans and have attempted to destroy that party and now try to destroy the Democrats.

The same committee members, Green says, also were not in support of the party line last year. "These are the same people who have served in government and have their own set of rules," "These people are supported by Mark Fury and (former Councilwoman) Helen Miller," he said. "The mayor says he has nothing to do with it, but says he supports them. I would like to hear him explain (that) to everyone."

Miller, along with Robert Dixon and Brenda Gilbert, presided over the April 26 meeting. At that meeting they have vowed to continue exploring avenues to remove Green if the impeachment was not upheld. Green has also vowed to fight their efforts. "These people are bent on destroying the city," he said, "and I as an individual will not let this happen."



Newark Mayor Sharpe James welcomes young ladies and gives them details on running City of Newark as they assembled for Take Your Daughters to Work Day. Photo by William Ramos

Bob Grant, talk-show host, jeered at radio station celebration, 1 arrested

PISCATAWAY—The event celebrating the 75th Anniversary of WOR-AM radio at Rutgers University's Louis Brown Athletic Center was met by protesters who booed and jeered controversial talk-show host Bob Grant as he participated in the festivities. The protesters, of which one was arrested, were responding to inflammatory comments towards Indian-Americans on the air by Grant which they contended may have sparked a December riot and vandalism towards that community in India.

About 30 protesters, mostly Indian-American students of the university, entered the free event and sat in the audience area in front of the stage at noon, when the time Grant was to begin a ten-minute on-air appearance. At the moment Grant was introduced by WOR radio veteran John R. Gambling, the protesters stood up and began chanting, "Bob Grant hate us go to hell!" The audience, which was predominantly elderly white men and women, booed them in response, one person videotaping the event screaming, "You can't deal with the truth!" The demonstration lasted the entire ten



Bob Grant

minutes. Grant was on the air, who ignored the protesters as he spoke to Gambling. Only one person, Rutgers student Rabya Kader, was

arrested during the incident and charged with disorderly conduct and disrupting a meeting. Prior to the incident, as the protesters began to approach the stage, Kader had asked Lt. P. Tanko of his definition of disturbance when he warned them of being arrested if he felt they were causing one. She did not receive an answer and as the demonstration was ending, Tanko motioned to another officer that she was being arrested. Kader was handcuffed, transported to Rutgers Police Department, and released on her own recognizance. Rumors to appear in court at a later date.

Outside during the event entire flyers were being distributed to visitors as they were entering the Center. According to those flyers, on Dec. 12 of last year, Grant went on a venomous attack of Indian-Americans that lasted his entire four-hour program. He referred to the community as people who "eat curry, use curry, bathe in curry, live in curry, die in curry, swim in curry," and "sleep in curry," singling out the Indian section of Woodbridge as being

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Elected officials show support of postal workers amid rape hoax

By Daryle Lamont Jenkins

NEWARK—William E. Frazier, Executive Vice President of the North Jersey Area Local American Postal Workers Union met with staff of Senator Frank Lautenberg at his Newark offices to discuss the issue of a white female courtroom deputy who confessed to fabricating a sexual assault by an African-American male.

The meeting came after numerous appeals by letter from Frazier for Senator Lautenberg to look into the matter concerning Courtroom Officer Lisa Horton Wright who fabricated allegations to authorities last year about a supposed sexual assault by which a black male was the assailant. After an investigation, which focused on the Main Post Office where the assault was to take place, the story began to unravel and Officer Wright confessed to the fabrication. Instead of criminal charges filed against her, however, Wright, who had subsequently resigned, was placed into the Pre-Trial Diversion program, a program where for 18 months she will be under supervision and would not face criminal charges if, according to a letter from Acting Assistant Attorney General John Keesee, "she successfully completes the program and fulfills all of the conditions and requirements of that program."

During the investigation of the false charges, two African-American males had their employment terminated and were only able to return months later after filing grievances. It is because of this and how other black men were treated at that time that prompted Frazier to call for a federal civil rights lawsuit against Wright, the US Postal Service, and the federal court itself, which Wright was employed. A petition circulated among workers as well, demanding a public apology from the court and the post office.

Frazier said Sen. Lautenberg's staff people were very concerned about the situation and understood people have to come forward. He added that one staff member, a black woman was particularly angry. "She was very appalled that this took place in Newark and no one heard about it," he said. "They agreed that fired employees need to come forward to tell their stories." The staff members also sug-

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June 3 primary features a full slate of contests

The big contest in this year's primary election is between three Democrats who are battling for the right to challenge Governor Christie Whitman in November. The latest polls show Whitman would defeat any of the Democratic candidates, but her lead is narrowing. The Democratic primary is currently a tight contest between two of the challengers, Congressman Robert Andrews of Camden County and State Senator and Woodbridge Mayor James McGreevey of Middlesex County, with former Morris County Prosecutor Michael Murphy trailing behind. Eight independent gubernatorial candidates have also filed.

Although the gubernatorial primary is making front-page headlines, New Jersey arguably has the nation's most important legislative election this year, with all 120 seats open in the Assembly and Senate. The Democrats would need to win back at least five seats to retake control of the Senate, where the Republicans now rule 24-16. The minority faces a much greater challenge in the

Assembly, given the Republican's 50-30 control of that house.

Setting the stage for the fall elections, many incumbents race tough challenges, especially in the Senate. There are primary contests in ten Senate districts, mainly among Republicans, where five long-time GOP incumbents and one Democrat incumbent are fighting to keep their seats. In the Assembly, there are 16 contests, with big battles looming among Democrats in three Essex County districts.

Those are the highlights that emerged as candidates filed final nominating petitions April 10 for the June 3 primary. In the Senate primaries, Republican incumbents Bill Cornely in the 2nd District, William Schlatter in the 23rd and Henry P. McNamara in the 40th face significant challenges. In the 34th, Republican incumbent Joe Bubba is running without the GOP endorsement, and in the 56th, veteran Republican John Scott faces a challenge. In the 25th, three GOP candidates are battling to face the

incumbent Democrat Gordon MacInnes in the fall. Incumbent Democrat Ronald L. Rice has a challenger in the 28th.

In the Assembly primaries, the major contests are in Essex County where large numbers of Democrats are challenging incumbents. Incumbents Craig Stanley and Wilfredo Caraballo, for example, face five primary opponents in the 28th District. In the 29th, where the only Democratic incumbent candidate is Willie Brown, a field of eight Democrats are seeking nominations. Brown has been nominated to a post on the NJ Board of Public Utilities, but has not been confirmed. Incumbent Republicans Marion Crecco and Gerald Zecker in the 34th and Paul DiGaetano and John Kelly in the 36th are also facing challenges from candidates aligned with the senators in their districts.

In the 2nd district, which includes most of Atlantic County, 11-year incumbent Republican William Gornley, 50, of Margate is being challenged by Atlantic City police union President Don R. Hurley, 36, of Atlantic City.

Hurley is the twin brother of radio personality Harry Hurley of WSPF 1450-AM.

In the 23rd District, which includes Warren County and parts of Hunterdon and Mercer counties, incumbent Republican William Schlatter faces attorney Patrick Malloney, Schlatter, 43, of Clinton Township, ran unsuccessfully for the Senate in the mid-1990s.

In the 25th District, part of Morris County, three Republican candidates are vying for the seat held by incumbent Democrat Gordon MacInnes. They are Assemblyman Anthony Bucco, former Morris Township Mayor Peter Mancuso and former Assemblyman James Barry. Bucco, 59, of Boonton is giving up the Assembly seat he won in 1995 to run for the Senate. Mancuso, 59, is the former mayor of Morris Township and holds a seat on the New York Stock Exchange. Barry, 50, of Harding defeated MacInnes 22 years ago when MacInnes was in the Assembly. He served until 1982 when former Governor Thomas Kean appointed him state Consumer Affairs

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Community Calendar

EVERY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

NEWARK—Free Health services by the City Dept. of Health and Human Services. For more information, call 201-733-7600.

EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

NEWARK—Psychodynamic support group for women. For more information, call 201-877-1895.

EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

NEWARK—Getting Started with the Computer at Essex County College. For more information, call 201-877-1899.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

PLAINFIELD—Blood Drive at The Arc of Union County's Adult Medical Day Care Center. For more information, call 908-754-8117.

HARLEM—Forum, "Race and Science, the Tuskegee Experiment" at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. For more information, call 212-491-2259.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

ELIZABETH—Crafts and stories for 3-5 year olds at the Library. For more information, call 908-353-4820.

NEWARK—10th Annual Observance of the Holocaust with African-American Bureaucratic death camp liberator Leon Bass at the Bethany Baptist Church. For more information, call 201-733-6368.

NEWARK—Board of Adjustment Meeting at City Hall. For more information, call 201-733-6333.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

EDISON—Free seminar on AIDS at Middlesex County College. For more information, call 908-546-6000.

PRINCETON—Third Annual Association of New Jersey Orchestra conference at the Westminster Choir College. For more information, call 609-394-1338.

NEWARK—Forum, "Revolutionary Cuba Today: an Eyewitness Report," with speaker Martin Koppel, editor of *Persepolis* magazine. At the Pathfinder Bookstore. For more information, call 201-643-3341.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

WHITE PLAINS, NY—The Volunteer Center announces their 5th Annual Human Race (a 5K walk-a-thon) at White Plains High School. For more information please call (914) 948-4452.

CRAWFORD—20th annual Flea Market

sponsored by Union County College's Alumni Association. For more information, call 908-709-7505.

WEST ORANGE—Free stroke prevention screening at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation. For more information, call 201-243-6845.

PLAINFIELD—Food and Clothing for the Homeless/Needy at the Muhammad's Mosque #80. For more information, call 908-754-3272.

NEW YORK—Sony Wonder 3rd Birthday Party. For more information, call 212-853-8100.

IRVINGTON—Spring Health Fair '97 at Irvington General Hospital. For more information, call 201-399-6196.

NEWARK—Forum, "Youth Outreach Today," with Delacy Davis of Black Cops Against Police Brutality at UMCOJ Medical Science Building. For more information, call 201-481-6650.

Sunday, May 18
JERSEY CITY—Commencement ceremonies at Jersey City State College. For more information, call 201-200-3426.

EDISON—Free seminar on AIDS at Middlesex County College. For more information, call 908-546-6000.

NEWARK—18th Annual Awards Breakfast, sponsored by the Jimmy Paffaro Civic Association, at the Newark Club. For more information, call 201-344-0543.

PLAINFIELD—Fourth Annual Hollow Home Garage Sale in the Sleepy Hollow section. Sponsored by Friends of Sleepy Hollow.

NEWARK—Frontiers International's Forth Annual Awards Breakfast at the Marriott Airport Hotel. For more information, call 201-763-4205.

MAY 19 THROUGH 23

NEWARK—Women's Health Week sponsored by Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey at the Chubb Center. For more information, call 201-622-3000.

MONDAY, MAY 19

NEWARK—Board of Alcoholism Beverage Control Meeting at Municipal Court. For more information, call 201-733-6445.

NEWARK—Central Planning Board Meeting at City Hall. For more information, call 201-733-6254.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

NEWARK—Rent Control Board Meeting at City Hall. For more information, call 201-733-3675.

North Ward Center Host Annual King Celebration



Left to right: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Leonard Coleman and Stephen Aduabo

For 23 years the North Ward Center has honored individuals who emulate the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's message. Past recipients include Bishop Desmond Tutu, US Sen. Bill Bradley, Congressman Peter Rodino, and Franco Harris.

In 1989, the North Ward Center was involved in the call for the liberation of South Africa and to celebrate the city's ethnic diversity. Special guest included two South African students in Newark, Wuntu Zenzile and Jeffrey Kume, forbidden to return to South Africa because of their political views.

As one of the first organizations to recognize Dr. King's birthday and continuing to honor achievers who believe in the dream, it is only fitting that the 1997 recipient of the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration

is the Reverend Joan Parrot, Deputy General Secretary for Cooperative Christianity for American Baptist Churches, USA. The Parrot family founded the Lighthouse Temple, which clothes, feeds, houses and offers spiritual guidance to the homeless in Newark.

The event, was emceed by Leonard Coleman, President of Professional Baseball Clubs and the award was presented by Newark's own Congressman Donald M. Payne, former Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

The gala reception was held the evening of April 25, at the North Ward Center with over 200 guests in attendance. Adrienne Davis and the North Ward Center's Executive Director Stephen N. Aduabo were the Co-chairs of the Celebration.

Take our children to work at PSE&G



Newark resident William Rogers helps his daughter, Sandrine, put on a headset, while his son, William Jr., looks on. Sandrine and William Jr. joined their father, a customer service representative at PSE&G's Northern Inquiry and Accounting Center (NIAC), as part of Take Our Children To Work Day activities.

More than 200 children and their parents at NIAC were treated to a full day of activities which included a fire safety program, a presentation by the Union County D.A.R.E. program and a demonstration of a PSE&G service truck.

Rutgers to graduate 9700

Rutgers' 231st anniversary commencement will be held Thursday, May 22, in the Louis Brown Athletic Center (LBAC) on Rutgers' Livingston campus in Piscataway, beginning at 9 a.m.

University President Francis L. Lawrence will offer greetings and congratulations to the graduates and their families during the colorful event. Degrees will be conferred on some 9,700 graduates.

Four honorary degrees will be presented during commencement, with one other to be presented during graduation ceremonies on Rutgers' Newark campus later that day, and a sixth to be presented the following day during ceremonies on Rutgers' Camden campus. Those receiving honorary degrees at commencement are Robert P. Bergman, director of the Cleveland Museum, one of America's most important art museums; Samuel A. Goldblith, a food scientist and professor emeritus at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Ricardo Kahn, cofounder and artistic director/producer of the Crossroads Theater in New Brunswick; and Jovce Carol Oates, the Roger S. Berfield '52 Professor in the Humanities at Princeton University and a prolific author nominated for the Nobel Prize in literature in 1993.

Receiving an honorary degree in Newark will be Wynnton Marsalis, Grammy Award-winning artistic director of Jazz at Lincoln Center and the recipient of this year's Pulitzer Prize in music. Receiving an honorary degree in Camden will be His Excellency Sam Nujoma, president of the Republic of Namibia since the country became independent in March 1990.

Individual collegiate convocations begin Wednesday, May 21, and will be held throughout Thursday, May 22, and Friday, May 23. Additional ceremonies will be held Friday, May 30.

YOUR WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

BY MISS ANNA

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

It's time to let well enough alone. Learn to recognize when you've done all you can, and move on. Hindsight is always 20-20, so learn from mistakes and decide to do better next time. If you exercise a little patience, your rewards will be evident.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

Love is everywhere during the week. Either a current love is rekindled or you may be in for a new attraction. In any case, the rules have changed, and even if with an old flame, the relationship is completely new. Being around positive people will lift your spirits.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

If the attitudes of others seem to be holding you back, it's time to be a little more self-centered in order to get yourself back into the swing of what is good for you. A little separation from others can be a good thing. Opportunities will abound. Look for them.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

You have a reason to be proud of your output and quality of work this week. Work will provide you with a welcome respite from other worries. If your attitude concerning a relationship does not seem to change, you may be looking at the situation from the wrong view. Don't try so hard.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23)

If you have been running yourself ragged, preventative measures may be needed to keep your health up to par. Money is likely to be tight for the near future, but don't let it stop you from making plans to get away on vacation. Your lover is an absolute joy to be with.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

If you ponder over the "what ifs," even more questions will arise. It's not worth putting yourself through such self criticism. What's done is done, and you can only resolve to do better next time. Your drive for perfection is unrealistic, for there is no such thing as perfection.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

If there is a change in plans this week, make the best of the situation. Something very promising may come of what seems to be a missed opportunity. Your love life is getting back on track, so take the opportunity to work out details, and go slowly with your mate.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 23)

Your hardwork is not always noticed or appreciated by others. Whatever you do must satisfy you first - relying on others will keep you feeling disappointed. Sweet memories may cause you to look back on the past with a sense of loss and some regret - the good old days.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 24 - December 21)

It just might come to blows with a loved one during this week. Give each other time to cool off before approaching the subject in a reasonable mood. Good news about money may lighten up your mood a bit. The way you use information presented to you pleases your superiors.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Your nature insists you follow the rules, but an acquaintance who is more of a free spirit, prefers spontaneity - learn from them. Don't fall into the trap of judging others, remember that you don't know what motivates and influences others to do what they do. Take a firm hand on money matters.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

Your personal brand of creativity is crying out to be let loose, allow time for this expression to take place, and don't be too attached to producing immediate masterpieces. If a problem is bugging you into a corner, focus your energies on diffusing it.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

Keeping your feelings under wraps will create the illusion of control. If you take the risk of expressing yourself to a loved one, no one will care if you break down. It's going to hurt falling down - but you are better off jumping in, instead of watching from a distance.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your creative energies express themselves in very tangible ways. You do not build castles in the sky, but tend to put down roots and build useful things which are meant to last. Your life work will always involve building and growing.

Porter tops local 68 training program graduation



The IUOE Local 68 Training Program graduation was recently held before a capacity crowd at the Mayfair Farms, West Orange. All graduates of the four year training program have been certified journeyman status from the U.S. Department of Labor. Shown (L-R): Thomas P. Giblin, President, Local 68; 1997 graduate and recipient of

the Thomas Barry Award, signifying the top student in the program, Francis Porter, of Newark; and Francis J. James, Training Coordinator, Local 68. Local 68 members are employed in virtually every industry throughout New Jersey, responsible for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning together with diversified maintenance tasks.

Links join NJPAC's brick campaign

ESSEX COUNTY—More than 30 professional members of The Links Inc., a leading African-American service organization of women, will meet at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, May 6 to hand over their generous support joining NJPAC's brick campaign. The names of the women will be engraved in NJPAC bricks which will be placed at the Center's Theater Square memorable for generations to come.

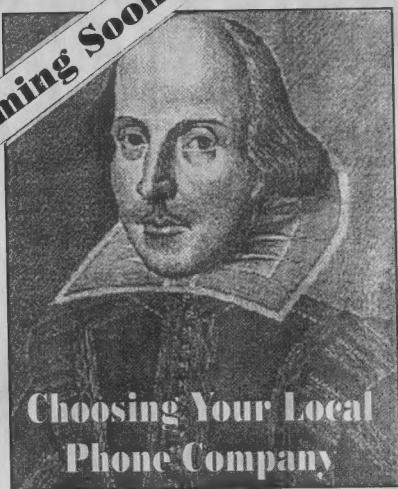
"This is a great opportunity for us to support the performing arts and to serve the Newark Community," states Juanita Benjamin, President of the Essex County Chapter of The Links Inc. "We truly believe in the mission of NJPAC, a place where the people of the community can be enriched in a variety of ways. We want to be part of this enrichment."

The Links is an international professional women's organization with over 260 Chapters and more than 9500 members. The organization was founded in 1945 and incorporated in

1951 and is committed to educational, intercultural and community activities at local, national and global level. The Essex County Chapter of The Links Inc. was established in 1986 and is a non-profit corporation. Its goal is enhance the quality of life for individuals in targeted communities by providing civic, cultural, educational and social opportunities. Joining NJPAC will foster the organization's cultural link with Newark's community.

Subscribers to NJPAC's brick program gain Silver Charter Member benefits such as advance notice on all NJPAC Subscription Series and individual events, special handling of phone and mail orders; special "Year Plus," privileges with benefits throughout the inaugural season, including member-only events, NJPAC construction site tours, meet-the-artists pre-opening receptions and the first anniversary BackStage party to celebrate the inaugural year.

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NIMB HOSTS AFRICA CONFERENCE HONORING U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL

NEW YORK—The National Minority Business Council, Inc. and the Institute on African Affairs will host a one-day conference on Africa, at the Annual Millennium Awards Luncheon and Conference, on Wednesday, May 15 at the world headquarters of Pfizer Inc., 235 East 42nd Street.

This event will honor United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, for Outstanding Contribution to Africa. The National Minority Business Council is the first sub-Saharan African to hold this distinguished U.N. position. Equator Bank will be honored for Exceptional Service to Africa, for their consistent banking and financial services in Africa.

MINORITY LUNG DISEASE A FOCUS AT INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The growing problem of asthma in the inner city and other urban minority lung-health issues will be featured at the 1997 American Lung Association/American Thoracic Society International Conference in San Francisco May 16-21.

Lung disease such as asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis is the third leading cause of death in the United States and is of special concern to the African-American community. In 1994, there were an estimated 19 million cases of asthma among African-Americans. Although African-Americans represent only 12 percent of the population, 22 percent of all asthma deaths occur in the African-American community. More than 47,000 African-Americans die from smoking-related diseases annually. And the lung cancer death rate for African-Americans is nearly 50 percent higher than for white males.

Talk show host jeered

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a "modern version of a small city in India." The following day several Indian-owned businesses in that town were vandalized with swastikas and ethnic slurs, and one store window was shot out. When Grant arrived at the Center he was seen staring back through the glass doors at the Indian-American students distributing the fliers. Also with the students was George Wilson, who created the fliers and has waged a campaign against Grant and his broadcast. "The management and sponsorship of WOR shares responsibility for Grant's sponsorship on December 12," he said.

Wilson has also been the subject of Grant's scorn on the air, and unsuccessfully sued for libel last year. In his twenty years as a radio personality Grant has come under fire in the past two years for his comments about people of color, notably referring to African-Americans as "savages," Martin Luther King, Jr. as a "scumbag," and suggesting that Native Americans "consider themselves lucky America let them survive." He has also allowed white supremacist organizations to call and give their contact information during his broadcast, and one, the Woodbridge-based SS Action Group, is suspected in the Belin vandalism. The group has been notorious for several violent incidents in the area including the assault on a 14-year-old trying to save the life of a young woman, Douglas Miller, 21, was convicted and sent to prison for.

Many say that Senator Lautenberg's tying opponent Chuck Hayatyan to Grant during the 1994 senatorial race was the deciding factor in his victory. Last year, Grant was fired from WABC amid outrage after calling himself a "pessimist" because he thought former Commerce Secretary Robert Brown was the only survivor in a plane crash that took the lives of everyone on board. He was picked up by WOR radio later that year, prompting one radio personality there, Arthur Frommer, to resign from the station. FOX Media Center in Edison has also pulled their advertising from Grant's program recently.

On the following Monday, Grant did not discuss the demonstration, but devoted his first hours to attacking America's current immigration policies with guest Don Feder, a columnist who has written about the European becoming an "endangered species" in the nation, and believes that America needs a central ethnic core, particularly European, from which other Americans can grow.

By Alexandra Zavis
Associated Press Writer

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP)—High-ranking officials from opposing sides of South Africa's decade-long war over apartheid rushed to file for amnesty under a sweeping program that pardons crimes from that era.

Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, Defense Minister Joe Modise and Transport Minister Mac Maharaj were among 375 current officials whose amnesty applications the governing African National Congress delivered Saturday to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Truth Commission, led by retired archbishop and Nobel laureate Desmond Tutu, is investigating abuses committed on all sides in South Africa during more than three decades of white-minority rule. Formed by the current all-race government to promote reconciliation, the panel can grant amnesty to people who admit to having committed crimes deemed to be politically motivated.

Notable for their decision to forego any amnesty request were apartheid's main proponents. Former

Presidents P.W. Botha and F.W. de Klerk did not apply, saying their governments never sanctioned widespread human-rights violations alleged by apartheid opponents.

Neither did Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthezi, saying he never killed anyone or ordered anyone killed. Only one member of his party applied for amnesty, although thousands died in fighting between Inkatha and the ANC, both black-led groups.

Only 10 applications arrived Saturday from the army and police. Included were requests from members of the notorious Civil Cooperation Bureau, whose job it was to infiltrate and destabilize opposition groups.

Magnus Malan, the apartheid-era defense minister who approved establishing the agency, did not apply, and instead spent Saturday playing golf, his wife said.

Former apartheid-era ministers Piet Koonhof and Adriaan Vlok were virtually the only members of the former, white-led National Party leadership to seek amnesty.

As cooperation and development minister from 1978-84, Koonhof oversaw the forced removal of thousands of blacks from white areas. Vlok was law and order minister.

New labor secretary learned honor and perseverance from her father

By Kevin Galvin
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON—Whoever thought the bruising confirmation process would discourage Alexis Herman from becoming labor secretary knew nothing about the lessons of honor and perseverance she learned from her father.

They forgot that he used to integrate the Democratic Party in Alabama, and later became the state's first black law clerk.

They never heard about the night he put a pistol in his young daughter's hands and stepped out of the car to confront the Ku Klux Klan.

"He taught me that you have to face adversity. He taught me to stand by my principles," Herman said. "He also taught me how to work within the system for change."

After four months of political obstacles and questions about her professional conduct at the White House, Herman handily won Senate confirmation last month.

Now the 49-year-old Herman is not just working within the system; she has the corner office.

"There's a lot of saying that managers do things right and that leaders do the right thing," Vice President Al Gore said at Herman's swearing-in ceremony today. "It is a distinct honor and wonderful privilege to be able to administer the oath of office to a woman who her entire life has done both."

The nation's new labor secretary was praised by business leaders for her efforts on behalf of free trade and has won support from union chiefs who had backed another candidate for the job.

She is a former civil rights activist who served in the Carter administration, and a skilled political operative who was deputy to the late Ron Brown at the Democratic National Committee. As a former business owner, she knows what it takes to meet a payroll.

"Here in the labor department, I'm able to bring to bear my work on the inside and my work on the outside," she said. "In this job, it all comes together, and that's why I'm really excited."

The slight, soft-spoken woman seated in the labor secretary's office overlooking the Capitol did not seem to match the Alexis Herman who earned the moniker "queen of schmooze" for her ability to work a room.

With a ready but demure smile, she gladly discussed plans to push worker training and welfare-to-work programs. Shoring up retirement security and ensuring safety and equality on the job also top her priorities.

But the smile vanished at the mention of the rocky four-month confirmation process she endured.

First, the GOP investigated whether as director of the White House Office of Public Liaison under President Clinton she used the post for political gain. Then Republicans stalled the nomination until Clinton dropped plans to issue an executive order telling federal agencies to consider awarding construction contracts to unionized companies.

"I'm going to stay focused on the future," she said.

The long wait had generated rumors that Herman might abandon her post. But she said she was not. "I'm going to stay focused on the future," she said.



Alexis Herman

But Alex Herman's daughter was accustomed to facing adversity.

Herman said her father never raised his voice, but he always kept a silver pistol under the driver's seat of his DeSoto as he drove from community meeting to community meeting around Mobile.

She always sat close by his side, unless the pistol was in his hand.

"The only way that I ever knew trouble was around was that the gun would come out from under the driver's seat and he'd put it by his side," she said.

As they left the home of a minister one Christmas Eve, the pistol was on the car seat, she said.

"It was a dark road, a dirt road to get back to the main highway," she remembered. "We were driven off the road by another car, and they were Klansmen."

She hid on the floor and her father pressed the pistol's white handle into her palm.

"He told me, 'If anybody opens this door, I want you to pull this trigger,'" she said.

He locked the door behind him and walked ahead to keep them away from the car. She crouched in the dark, listening until the shouts and scuffling died down.

Eventually, the minister came to drive her home. The father, who had been better, rode in another car.

"I have not touched a gun since that evening," she said.

Herman's weapon of choice has been political coalition building, and her ability to draw disparate groups together helped her in the White House and as a civil rights organizer.

She believes the same approach will allow her as labor secretary to bring church groups, labor unions, business leaders and other organizations together to fight for workers' issues at the community level.

"You can find ways to work together if you have shared values," she said.

Carole Smithner remembered Herman's work at the nonprofit Women Employment Program, where Herman encouraged her to attend law school.

"I have personal knowledge of her ability to successfully direct individuals into the labor market," wrote Smithner, who later became the first black person to serve on Alabama's circuit court. "Alexis offers our country the energy, preparation, purpose and direction which Americans need."

White Koonhof admitted to the South African Press Association he had been part of a "swing" which caused a lot of damage and human rights abuses," most National Party leaders claim ignorance.

The commission's headquarters was a hive of activity Saturday as applications streamed in by fax, mail and hand about the midnight deadline. More than 1,000 requests from across the nation arrived over the course of the day, raising the total number received to more than 7,500.

People were still phoning in forms Saturday, commission spokeswoman Christelle Terrelblanche said.

The ultra-conservative Freedom

Front handed in 13 applications from members involved in a bombing spree that claimed 21 lives on the eve of the first all-race election in 1994.

Many conservative whites view the commission as a witch hunt against former security forces members.

"I honestly don't think the whole process is contributing to reconciliation," said Freedom Front leader Constand Viljoen, who nevertheless submitted an application Saturday. "In many cases it is as if the people are reliving the trauma of the past."

The ANC applications submitted Saturday included about 200 guerrilla fighters and more than 100 members of armed civilian groups known

as self-defense units, the ANC's Muziwe Thongweni said.

About 400 members of the ANC leadership, excluding President Nelson Mandela, also have applied. "They are saying that since we were part of policy formulation, we are taking collective responsibility for the actions of ANC members," Thongweni said.

The ANC has said it does not believe an application is required from Mandela, who was in prison for most of the period the Truth Commission is covering.

A more militant black group, the Pan African Congress, handed in about 450 applications Friday and Saturday, Terrelblanche said.

Executive note: 'Thank you for making my last day a living hell'

PITTSBURGH (AP)—There were two Diana Greens.

There was the statuesque woman who could stroll through the Duquesne Club, recently voted the nation's best private club, like "she owned the place," according to a friend.

Then there was the woman who was battling diabetes, coping with the recent deaths of her mother and brother—and awaiting the revelation that she had lied about having a master's degree when she got a job with Duquesne Light Co., where she quickly became a vice president both respected and feared.

Ms. Green killed herself at age 51 with a small handgun on April 25.

She did not leave a note spelling out her reasons, but on a document from a company attorney urging her to resign, she wrote: "Thank you for making my last days on earth a living hell."

"Many people are asking, 'What would make that woman, whose face was so bright, commit suicide?'" asks Bernard Jones Sr., president of the Poise Foundation, a local African-American community group.

In 1990, Ms. Green reteamed Duquesne Light's pension plan, but five years later the company paid more than \$1 million to settle a lawsuit from employees who said they had lost benefits.

After a dismissed employee sued the company, Duquesne Light ex-

ecutives learned from that worker's attorney that Ms. Green had falsified her resume.

By then, her mentor, former Chairman Wesley Von Schack, had left Duquesne Light for a bigger utility, leaving his son assistant behind.

Company officials were preparing to take a deposition from the registrar at Golden Gate University in San Francisco, where Ms. Green had earned a bachelor's degree but not the master's she claimed to have.

Ms. Green had agreed to a \$500,000 buyout, and her departure was announced to Duquesne Light's 3,800 employees the day before her death. The Wall Street Journal reported Friday.

Ms. Green put more women and blacks in the ranks at the company, known for being white and male. She was prominent in civic organizations, including the Urban League of Pittsburgh, and was looked up to as a role model for budding black business leaders. Business Week magazine named her one of "50 Women to Watch" in 1987.

But problems began piling on in recent years. In the last year, her mother died after a stroke and her youngest brother died at age 39. Diabetes made it hard for her to see and impossible for her to drive.

"She was always so together that it never occurred to me that she was the one who needed help," Ms. Cherna told the Journal. He is director of Allegheny County Children and Youth Services, where Ms. Green was active.

"Sometimes we forget that behind the public face we see is a real person with real fears," Cherna said.

Rutgers plans for casino institute in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Rutgers-Camden plans to team with Atlantic Community College to establish a casino industry research institute that would also provide training for casino workers.

The center would be modeled after the success of a gaming institute at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, and would provide graduate and professional management programs as well as economic studies on casino issues, according to Milton Leontiadis, dean of business studies at Rutgers-Camden.

The center could be housed in a vacant former Carnegie Library that has 8,000 square feet of space.

"The industry is under-served. Much of the data from both sides, critics and supporters, is more statement than facts. This would be helpful to the industry," Leontiadis said.

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REUNIONS

The 3rd Annual Baxter Terrace Awards Dance will be held on Saturday, June 21, 1997 at Newark's Terrace Ballroom. Proceeds from the event will fund book awards to help defray student expenses. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Friends of Baxter Terrace should contact QUALITY LIFELINES, INC. at (201)621-8390/(201)399-7722 or (908) 561-7291.

REPORT BIAS/HATE

Recognizing the cultural diversity in our country, The Monmouth County Human Relations Commission also see incidents of bias and discrimination, even violence, against persons who look or act differently. The Commission—approximately 60 representatives of organizations concerned about positive human interaction—is dedicated to combating bias and hate and fostering an atmosphere of understanding and acceptance of each individual. The Commission has representation and support from most religions, cultures, ethnic, and special need groups, as well as business, educational and government agencies. They are urging others to join in the effort. Hotline to report hate/bias incidents is (908)303-7666

ORANGE ORGANIZATIONS STEP UP TO THE PLATE FOR AIDS

Sandwiches Unlimited and the Mims Hackett Civic Association teamed up to support the East Orange General Hospital Foundation 1st Annual Robin Crowley AIDS Awareness Education and Prevention Benefit Softball Tournament.

Mark Clausang, East Orange General Hospital President and CEO, says "It's exciting to have Orange participate in this worthwhile cause and we look forward to collaborating with these organizations and others in Orange and throughout Essex County as well."

The event which was held on Saturday, April 26, 1997, featured 16 teams from 11 towns throughout Essex County and the West Orange Dept. of Recreation took home the Mayor's Trophy.

Proceeds raised from the event will support AIDS intervention and education.

BALLPLAYERS WANTED

The North Jersey Independent "Men's" Six-Pitch Softball League is seeking new teams and individual players for its upcoming summer-fall season. The season begins in July through November. The League will host an all-star game, 30 game schedule, awards, banquet, and tournament. For further details call (201) 742-3941 between 9am - 9pm.

Irvington sting nabbs four cops

IRVINGTON—A joint sting operation by the Irvington Police Department and the NJ State Police resulted in the arrest May 5 of four Irvington police officers who allegedly were caught stealing an assortment of merchandise from an abandoned local warehouse, authorities announced.

Patrolman Anthony Margotta, 27, of Irvington, Charles Mans, 36, of Newark, Robert Shaw, 38, of Irvington, and Michael Daniluk, 40, of Union, were charged with third degree theft and second degree of official misconduct in a scheme to steal goods and private property while performing their duties as police officers.

Plans for the sting operation began about two months ago, after receiving "information about illegal acts," according to IPD Chief and Acting Director Steven Palamara, who approached the State Police for assistance.

The sting began at about 2:30 a.m. at the warehouse which wired with surveillance equipment set up by the State Police. The officers were dispatched to 660 South 21st Street in response to a burglar alarm sounding off at the warehouse, and were videotaped carrying out cartons of Cuisinart toasters, athletic clothing and footwear, and two cameras, according to Palamara.

They were taken into custody after fellow officers, including the chief, watched them pack the stolen merchandise into the trucks and front seats of their patrol cars.

The four, who have returned their

police badges and were told to clear out their lockers have been suspended without pay, pending indictment, according to Palamara.

The IPD is investigating prior burglaries to determine if the officers were involved. Palamara said, adding that it's "very difficult to tell" how long the officers had been engaged in their activities.

"The arrests of these officers sends a very strong and clear message that we will vigorously pursue all who break the law, whether they work from a precinct or on the streets," Mayor Sara B. Bost said. She added that despite "four dishonorable officers who abused the public trust," the IPD is still a strong organization. This operation should "assure the public that if they are tough on themselves, they'll be tough on all criminals," the Mayor said.

Daniluk was a 10-year veteran. Mans served 2 1/2 years, Margotta worked 2 years, and Shaw, for 11 1/2 years.

"It's a sad day for the Irvington Police Department" but it's a good day for the working cops who come in every day and give 100 percent to the township," Palamara said. There are 179 officers in the IPD.

Bost and Palamara praised the cooperative efforts of the State Police, who stocked the warehouse with the merchandise, as a bait to catch the suspect.

In a prepared statement, State Police Superintendent Col. Cal Williams said. The arrests of these four police officers is a serious and distur-

bing matter. However, this investigation was conducted quickly, efficiently, and with the full cooperation of the Irvington Police Department."

On the local side of the investigation, Palamara was assisted by Capt. George Venturi and Det. Fred Southerland of the internal affairs unit.

The probe into suspected police misconduct began when internal affairs officers began reviewing suspicious burglary reports submitted by officers working on the midnight shift, according to Palamara.

The chief explained these reports revealed that a lot of property was reported stolen at sites where the four officers were the first ones dispatched.

A burglary earlier this year at a local gas station also aroused suspicion, according to Deputy Chief James Galfy.

When the station owner complained that police failed to show up in a timely fashion, officials checked their computer records, which showed the four patrolmen were dispatched to the scene within four minutes of the alarm having sounded.

It so happened that "an inordinate amount of tools, thousands of dollars worth," were taken from that business, Galfy said.

The State Police's corruption unit was contacted to discuss a joint strategy to catch the suspects in the act.

The sting came in the midst of organizational changes the IPD, designed to increase community safety. Within the last month, 40 officers were transferred to different positions "to allow us to double our narcotics task force Palamara said."

In addition, a cooperative border patrol program has recently been established with the City of Newark.

Plans have also been underway to double the staff of the internal affairs unit.

Stanley/Caraballo to host people's budget hearing

IRVINGTON—Assemblymen Craig Stanley and Wilfredo Caraballo announced that they will seek public input on Governor Whitman's new state spending plan by hosting a "People's Budget Hearing" in Irvington on Tuesday, May 13.

The forum would give the general public an opportunity to express itself on critical state policy issues, such as education funding, car insurance, property taxes, welfare reform, child protection services, and the governor's record setting \$2.8 billion bond.

The hearing is scheduled for 6 pm, May 13 at the Christian Pentecostal Church. Stanley and Caraballo said they are organizing the meeting as a service for residents who live in the 18th Legislative District, which includes Irvington, South Orange, Maplewood, and portions of Newark.

"It is essential that people be informed about the impact this impending budget will have on their families, their businesses and their communities," said Stanley (D-Irvington).

"There are some very critical issues stemming from the budget. Local property taxes are skyrocketing and people need to know how the budget will affect state aid to municipalities with high tax rates like Irvington."

"The issue of flat-funding for municipalities is a part of this budget and so is the governor's much-crit-

cized plan to float \$2.8 billion in state bonds to help balance her spending plans," said Caraballo. "This budget will have profound implications for not only this generation, but future generations as well."

Budget staff will be available at the May 13 forum to answer questions about the proposed spending plan. Copies of the budget also will be available on a limited first-come, first-serve basis.

This is the first budget hearing that Assemblyman Stanley has sponsored since 1992. Previous forums highlighted the potential impacts of a 30-percent income tax cut and a sales tax reduction. These measures eventually led to school funding shortfalls, higher property taxes and consideration of the largest borrowing scheme in state history.

It certainly is more than coincidence that the largest tax cut in history is now being followed by the largest bond offering in state history," said Stanley.

Traditionally, budget hearing are held in Trenton at a time of day when few people can attend. The Stanley/Caraballo forum would give the public an opportunity to be heard.

"We hope to bring state government closer to the people of our district," Caraballo said. "We want to provide a greater measure of public participation through this process."

Women's commissions bestows honors



At a recent luncheon at Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, Mayor Sharpe James' Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) honored a group of women for their outstanding work in the Newark community. L-R: Triah Morris-Yambo Chairperson of MCSW; Rosetta Lee, St. James A.M.E. Church; Hilda Rosario, Newark Public Library; Martha Jenita Falkner, age 103; Willie Mariah Brown, International Youth Organization and Josephine DeFrosencia, Vince Lombardi Center.

Betty Shabazz to speak at Malcolm X celebration

Dr. Betty Shabazz, the widow of black human rights activist Malcolm X, will be a guest speaker at an annual celebration of her late husband's birthday which will be held in Newark.

The program will take place Monday, May 19, 1997, 6:00 P.M. at The Center, 23-25 Elizabeth Avenue.

The event is being co-sponsored by the Malcolm X Commemoration Coalition, NJ Black Issues Convention-Black Lecture Series, and the People's Organization for Progress.

"We are honoring Malcolm X because of his contributions to the black liberation struggle. He is a symbol of African-American unity and resistance to racist oppression," said Lawrence Hamm, a coalition spokesman and Chairman of the People's Organization for Progress.

Dr. Shabazz is currently director of Institutional Advancement and Public Relations/Cultural Affairs at Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York. She has been a part of the faculty and staff there since 1976.

She holds a Ph.D. in education from the University of Massachusetts and is the recipient of over 250 awards including the "Drum Major For Justice Award" given her by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) founded by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Dr. Shabazz is one of the great women of our time. After her husband was cut down thirty years ago she assumed the burden at continuing his work while at the same time facing alone the responsibility of raising their six children," Hamm stated.

Other speakers will include Barbara King a representative of African Newark, Councilman Donald Tucker, Chairman of the New Jersey Black Issues Convention, Attorney King

Downing and Lawrence Hamm. He would be celebrating his 72nd birthday were he alive today.

In 1972, in response to a petition drive initiated by student at South Side High School, the building was renamed Malcolm X Shabazz High School by the Newark Board of Education in his honor.

In recent years, the public has become more aware of Malcolm X. It is now fashionable, particularly among young people, to wear caps and T-shirts bearing the "X" logo, his likeness and phrases from his speeches.

Filmmaker Spike Lee made a major motion picture about the life of Malcolm X four years ago.

"We hope everyone will come to the program and pay tribute to the memory of this great man," he said. The program is free and open to the public. Interested persons and vendors needing further information can call (201) 242-0022.

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Business Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 15

NEW YORK—African Affairs' annual Awards Luncheon and Conference at Pizier Inc. For info 212-573-2385, 693-8677.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

READING, PA.—General Meeting of the Delaware Valley Minority Business Resource Council. Sponsored by GPU Entertainment. For more information, call 215-682-5677.

MONDAY, MAY 19

MA/IAH—Seminar, "An Analyst and Job Description Writing," at Ramapo College. For info, call 609-964-5666.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

NEW YORK—Seminar, "Millennial Fever," sponsored by the Direct Marketing Association. For more information, call 212-788-7277, ext. 1696.

BRIDGEWATER—Forum, "Recover Those Lost Receivables!" at Jack O'Connors Quality Beef & Seafood Restaurant. For more information, call 908-704-0388.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

JERSEY CITY—Seminar for Financial and Technical Assistance for Small Business. For information, call 908-714-2107.

NEW YORK—Marketing & Business Expo '97. For information, call 212-522-7832.

BPU launches public education campaign

By David Wilkinson
Associated Press Writer

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—Lower utility costs could also mean headaches for consumers who now have the option to pick natural gas and local toll call service providers.

The state Board of Public Utilities launched a public education campaign Tuesday to make consumers aware of the changes and urge them to seek help if they are confused about new services.

"Competition provides the opportunity for customers to save money and select new services, but it will also require them to be savvy as they shop in a brand new marketplace," said BPU President Herbert H. Tate.

New Jersey telephone customers on Monday were allowed to switch from Bell Atlantic-New Jersey to other phone companies for local toll calls. By early 1998, consumers should also be able to choose other companies for local service.

About 80,000 consumers in some regions of the state also can choose their natural gas suppliers

under three pilot programs. Next year, consumers also will begin choosing their own electricity suppliers.

Tate said a board task force would monitor advertising of companies trying to attract new business to ensure residents are not duped into more costly services.

Public service advertisements will appear in newspapers and on radio and television, while fact sheets will be made available to consumers. Three public information sessions also are planned.

"We will not abandon consumers to market forces that will inevitably barrage and confuse people with numerous offerings for buying the essential services of life," Tate said.

"We will through this campaign help guide consumers so that they can choose the services and the rates that are best for them," he said.

Ratepayer Advocate Blossom Peretz said it was important that consumers have as much guidance as possible in selecting different services and understanding new bills.

"Competition will never flourish if consumers are frustrated and confused," Peretz said.

MANY FACTORS DETERMINE HOME AFFORDABILITY

Spring is a time when many homebuyers start looking at houses. For most people, a home is their largest single financial investment.

Careful shopping now could save thousands of dollars over time. To make a realistic home selection, you must determine how much you can afford. Key factors are household income, the cost of a home and property taxes, and other household costs (e.g., student loans, car payments).

Most lenders use the 28/36 rule or some variation of it. This means the total monthly cost of a new home—principal, interest, taxes, and insurance (PITI)—cannot exceed 28 percent of gross monthly income. In addition, PITI plus all other outstanding debt (e.g., a car loan payment, credit cards), cannot exceed 36 percent of gross pay.

To illustrate the 28/36 rule, assume a dual-income couple earning \$60,000 a year, or \$5,000 per month, is shopping for a home. They would qualify for a loan requiring a \$1,400 monthly payment (\$5,000 x .28) if they had no other debt. If they had a \$500 a month car payment, however, their mortgage would be limited to \$1,300 (\$5,000 x .28 - \$500 = \$1,300).

Be sure to plan for the cash you will need for a down payment and closing costs. It is also wise to set aside a "reserve fund" to cover initial expenses such as decorating, lawn

care equipment, unanticipated repairs, and higher utility costs. Since utility (heating) costs may differ substantially from what you are currently paying, ask to see the previous owner's heating bills.

Experts advise not planning any major remodeling during the first year of homeownership. Living in a house while may help you appreciate the existing arrangement. Another concern is finances. If you stretch yourself too far and cannot meet monthly payments, you may be forced to vacate your new home and go into foreclosure. In addition, you damage your credit rating and future chances of buying another home.

What percentage of your take-home pay should be spent on housing and consumer debt? Experts suggest 40% is a safe percentage of debt to net income. When families spend more than half of their take-home pay on a mortgage and other debt, that doesn't leave much left for food, clothing, gas, child care, etc. Financial problems often occur as a result.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) has a free MONEY 2000 ("debt ratio ruler") which indicates safe "problem" percentages for household debt with or without a mortgage. To obtain a ruler, contact your local RCE office.

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Potential home buyers shopping in Newark may be eligible for a below market-rate mortgage using the "Too Good, But It's True" program from the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFJA).

"The Too Good But It's True" makes mortgages available at 5% with 0 points for homes in the Urban Coordinating Council (UCC) designated Central Ward neighborhood. In addition, buyers may get no money down.

"In order to address the unique housing needs of the state's urban areas, Governor Whitman established the UCC with representatives from every department of state government," said HMFJA Chairman Jane M. Kenny. "The UCC seeks to support locally developed plans that encourage the growth of safe, economically sound communities."

The need for home ownership opportunities for low and moderate income buyers was clearly identified by the UCC. In order to promote

home ownership in these urban areas, HMFJA established "Too Good But It's True" and the HomePlus program, which makes 5% acquisition and rehabilitation mortgages available.

To date, HMFJA has provided \$15.7 million in mortgages to 217 families in UCC neighborhoods, and recently made an additional \$20 million available," said HMFJA Executive Director Timothy S. Toubey. The "Too Good But It's True" and the HomePlus mortgages are available through participating area lenders. For more information on HMFJA consumer mortgage programs, call 1-800-NJ-HOMES.

HMFJA creates and implements programs to advance the rehabilitation, construction and financing of affordable housing for New Jerseyans. HMFJA secures program funding and operating expenses through the sale of taxable and non-taxable bonds to private-sector investors, and is not dependent upon funding from the state treasury.

Savings Bonds No Longer Earning Interest

On May 1, 1997, the first set of U.S. Savings Bonds issued between May 1952 and October 1970 reached full maturity and became part of a larger group of bonds that have stopped earning interest. Savings bonds, one of the most trusted investments in America, have a built-in hazard that is commonly overlooked. When a savings bond reaches full maturity and stops earning interest, Uncle Sam gets to keep the money and use it interest-free until the bond is redeemed a year or more later.

The January 1997 "Monthly Statement of the Public Debt of the United States" reveals that more than \$4 billion of the bonds held no longer earn interest. This amount has doubled over the last twelve months and there is no end in sight. Each month, four sets of bonds cease earning interest. They include Series E bonds that are over 40 years old, Series E bonds issued between 1965-69 and that are over 30 years old, Series H bonds that are over 30 years old, and Savings Notes that are over 30 years old.

"The government saves over \$200 million a year in interest expense by using the public's money interest-free," says Dan Pederson, author of U.S. Savings Bonds: A Comprehensive Guide for Bond Owners and Financial Professionals. Pederson, a consumer advocate for bond owners since he left the Federal Reserve Bank in 1990, predicts that the amount of these fully mature savings bonds will grow to over \$7 billion by the year 2000.

Holding bonds past their full maturity date is like burying money in the backyard; the value of a bond remains fixed at the amount the bond was worth when it stopped earning interest. According to Pederson, it is a common error resulting from a combination of factors. The government never issues statements detailing the performance of these investments, and bond owners, sometimes even bankers, mistakenly presume interest will continue to accrue as long as a bond is held.

In U.S. Savings Bonds: A Comprehensive Guide, consumers are given the facts about savings bonds and the tools needed to make informed investment decisions. For information about the book call 1-800-927-1901 or, for a fuller explanation of contents, visit the author's web site at www.bondfinder.com. The web site also provides savings bond tips.

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Self-Employment Clubs - banding together to create new entrepreneurs

By Pierre A. Clark

How were Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, the creators of the Apple Computer, able to start a computer company in a garage with only \$1,000? They had a secret, little-known resource of financing and talent: Their membership in a Palo Alto, Calif. computer user group whose members were employees of Hewlett Packard (where both of them worked), as well as owners of other start-up businesses.

Group members were the first customers, employees and investors in Apple Computer, which eventually became a \$10 billion company. The user group demonstrates the benefits members can accrue when they band together to exchange information and ideas. That's why we're advocating that you consider joining or forming another kind of group—the self-employment club.

Self-employment/entrepreneurship is an activity being pursued by hundreds of thousands of people each year. But the failure rate of new businesses is high: An 80 percent failure rate after three years. Any successful entrepreneur will tell you that the first two years of starting and operating a business can be particularly lonely and difficult ones. You battle many personal obstacles as well as the operational issues every entrepreneur faces: Generating sales, managing income, raising financing, dealing with suppliers, completing government paperwork.

Studies show, however, that when prospective entrepreneurs band together, sharing experience, strategies, and resources, their success prospects increase dramatically.

Self-employment clubs can be contained within other associations: User groups, trade associations, cham-

bers of commerce, business incubators, and social clubs.

But what we advocate here is the formation of a self-employment club comprised mostly or solely of prospective entrepreneurs organized strictly for the purpose of helping members start and establish successful business enterprises.

When you join or organize a self-employment club, you should ensure the club offers or is willing to establish these resources:

(1) Seminars and workshops. These information sessions, especially when presented by experienced entrepreneurs, enable you to benefit from the experiences of others and learn how others solve problems and recover from mistakes in marketing, pricing, and business management. During the seminar, you can ask questions for the purpose of one-on-one counseling or technical assistance.

(2) Start-up financing opportunities. Loan funds—both informal and formal—are a key resource. Nearly every ethnic group—Koreans, Arabs, Jews or Caribbean peoples—develops an informal loan pool which provides the first business start-up funding for entrepreneurs from their communities.

Typically built from dues or member investments, the loans are made to one or two entrepreneurs; as the funds are repaid, more entrepreneurs can participate. A self-employment club may also attract independent investors seeking hot new opportunities—as did the Palo Alto User Group where Jobs and Wozniak first demonstrated their Apple computer.

(3) Business plan reviews and critiques. Constructive criticism of your business plans and strategies could help you avoid mistakes or discover new strategies you hadn't considered previously. Your self-employment club should offer an opportunity for its members to present their

plans before a panel of established entrepreneurs and investors to receive the benefit of their objective analyses. The MIT Enterprise Forum, operating in major cities, is one well-known example of this process.

(4) Partnerships. Sometimes even bankers, mistakenly presume interest will continue to accrue as long as a bond is held. As an entrepreneur you may feel you need to "do it all," but if you personally possess every skill you need to run a business, you are indeed rare. Most businesses need both a "Mr. Inside," who runs the operation and a "Mr. Outside," who sells the products and identifies financing opportunities. Within a self-employment club, you may find the person whose skills complement yours and can jump-start your success.

(5) A periodic newsletter. A periodic newsletter, which your club should issue at least every other month, should contain a variety of communications vehicle about club activities and an information resource. The newsletter is an important tool for keeping members informed and linked to the club, its activities and philosophy.

(6) A technical assistance support vehicle. From a simple voice mail telephone hotline to an elaborate web site, the self-employment club can serve as the main business technical assistance resource for most of its members. This technical assistance can be offered as a member benefit or as a resource for which a separate fee is charged.

As your self-employment club grows, you can leverage its membership roster to obtain benefits such as discounts on office equipment, furniture, business services, insurance and other services.

Self-employment clubs are such a valuable resource, we're encouraging their formation in cities throughout the country. Join or start one today.

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NEW YORK—Little Buster at Manny's Car Wash. For more information, call 212-369-BLUES.

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BELMAR—Matt O'Ree & the Blues Hounds at Jason's Jazz & Blues Niteclub. For more information, call 908-681-1416.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

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UNION—Concert and Jazz Bands at Kean College. For more information, call 908-527-2537.

NEW BRUNSWICK—New Jersey Symphony Orchestra with Faye Robinson, soprano at the State Theater. For more information, call 201-624-3713.

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SATURDAY, MAY 17

NEW YORK—The Bill Perry Blues Band at Manny's Car Wash. For more information, call 212-369-BLUES.

RED BANK—New Jersey Symphony Orchestra with Faye Robinson, soprano at the Count Basie Theater. For more information, call 201-624-3713.

MERCHANTVILLE—Third Annual Spring Arts Fair at Borough Hall. For more information, call 609-665-6211.

NEWARK—First Annual Family Conference at Essex County College. For more information, call 908-249-5551.

TRENTON—Capital Music Festival Concert at the New Jersey State Museum. For more information, call 609-292-6464.

BELMAR—Rockie Perry at Jason's Jazz & Blues Niteclub. For more information, call 908-681-1416.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

NEWARK—New Jersey Symphony Orchestra in Concert at Newark Symphony Hall. For more information, call 201-624-3713.

NEWARK—Cathedral Gospel Choir of Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral in Concert at Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral. For more information, call 201-622-3505.

HOLMDEL—"Music Man" Rich Marzec at Longstreet Farm. For more information, call 908-842-4000.

MONDAY, MAY 19

NEW YORK—Black Cat Bone at Manny's Car Wash. For more information, call 212-369-BLUES.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

NEW YORK—The Reputations at Manny's Car Wash. For info, call 212-369-BLUES.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

NEW YORK—Kiram Bullock at Manny's Car Wash. For more information, call 212-369-BLUES.

Lionel Hampton To perform At Gala

Legendary jazz musician Lionel Hampton and his Orchestra along with vocalist Sasha Dalton will perform at Crossroads Theatre's Caribbean gala benefit dinner dance on May 17, 1997 at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Honorary co-chairpersons for the event, which has as its theme, "Le Carnaval Noir," are actress Phylicia Rashad and jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis.

The festive Caribbean evening will be presented by the Crossroads Board of Trustees and will begin with a cocktail reception, hosted in part by Hygrade Beverages, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. with the sounds of island music by the Steel Kings featuring Terrence Cameron. One of the authentic steel drum bands in the United



NJN's Another View Looks at African American-owned Businesses on May 20

TRENTON—Successful New Jersey businesses owned and operated by African Americans are the focus of *Another View* acclaimed African-American community affairs series, airing Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Operating in Lawrenceville and Camden, the Carl Miller Funeral Home has been in business since 1860. A fixture in the community, the business has been operated by the Miller family for five generations.

Host Karen Smyles visits Pam Dabney at the home's Camden location to discuss the changing times and challenges of maintaining a successful family business.

In the studio, Smyles talks with Dr. Henry Johnson, owner and president of City News Business Journal of Plainfield, publisher of the acclaimed City News and minority business journal newspapers and YES, a magazine for youths.

City News covers the African-American community in New Jersey like few other publications. Enhancing the company's coverage of the African-American community, The Minority Business Journal follows business trends sweeping across the state.

Also in the studio will be a representative from the Central Jersey chapter of the National Black M.B.A. Association.

NJN is New Jersey's public telecommunications network. A PBS member, NJN is broadcast over UHF Channels 23 (Camden), 50 (Montclair), 52 (Trenton), 58 (New Brunswick) and all New Jersey cable systems. NJN is also carried in New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Connecticut. NJN Radio is broadcast on 88.1 FM, 89.7 FM and 89.3 FM.

States, the Steel Kings play a variety of music including reggae, calypso, soca and Latin music.

The 8 p.m. dinner will feature the music of Hampton and his orchestra along with Ms. Dalton. Hampton, known affectionately in the music industry as "Gates," has been called "a master of swing."

Hampton is also known for changing the face of jazz when he added the vibraphone to his ensemble.

Ms. Dalton, a vocalist and actress from Chicago, is known to New York critics and audiences for her outstanding performances as Dina in "C'Ditah, Queen of the Blues."

The chairperson for the gala benefit is Leland Paul Michael, President and CEO of Design Group, Ltd. of Plainfield, New Jersey, who also serves as a member of Crossroads Theatre Board of Trustees. The Benefit Coordinator and Sponsorship Director is Sheila Phillips-Murphy.

"Le Carnaval Noir," will have the ambience of a Caribbean island festival and promises to be a spectacular evening of entertainment. Many New Jersey corporations and individuals have already committed to supporting the event by underwriting corporate tables and getting into the swing of the event.

The proceeds from the affair will benefit Crossroads Theatre's ongoing efforts to develop and present African-American theatre for audiences of all backgrounds, as well as programs which address specific needs of the community.

"Runaway" Patron tickets are \$150 and "C'Montego Bay" sponsor tickets are \$250, both of which include an island reception featuring The Steel Kings, Javish Caribbeanstyle dinner, and the Lionel Hampton Orchestra.

Preferred seating is still available for "Le Carnaval Noir," and there are a few corporate sponsorship tables, including "The Ochros Kings," "Negril," "Kingston," and Lionel Hampton tables, available for underwriting.

For additional information, persons may contact Crossroads Development Department at (908) 249-5511 ext. 20 or the box office at (908) 249-5560.

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BURBANK, CA. (May 7, 1997)... Muhammad Ali, otherwise known as simply the "Greatest," is one of the foremost thrilling athletes of all time. The remarkable story of how he became one of the most loved, intriguing and controversial figures in American history is brought to life in this six-hour series, *MUHAMMAD ALI: THE WHOLE STORY*, appears for the first time on video May 13 from Warner Home Video, a Time Warner Entertainment Company.

Consumers will have a chance to win a trip for two to Las Vegas to meet Muhammad Ali and be ringside for a boxing event in early 1998. Consumers can enter to win by sending in the entry form inside each *MUHAMMAD ALI: THE WHOLE STORY* video or by entering at in-store displays.

The six-video series follows Ali from his early days growing up as Cassius Clay in Louisville, Kentucky, to the pinnacle of his amateur career as the light-heavyweight gold medalist in the 1960 Olympics. Witness Ali's stunning victory over Sonny Liston to become the youngest Heavyweight Champion of the World and experience his painful struggle to regain the title taken from him because of religious beliefs.

MUHAMMAD ALI: THE WHOLE STORY contains three hours of exclusive footage of his greatest and most important fights including his famous battles with Ken Norton, George Foreman and Joe Frazier. The series looks at Ali's career and personal life with narration from his family, friends, trainer, past challengers, promoters and sports journalists. The six videos in the series include: *'The Beginning: Olympic Gold, The Youngest Heavyweight' Champion, Exile, The Road Back, The Rumble In The Jungle and The Thrilla In Manila.*

Crossroads Theatre Adds Extra 'Jitney' Performance

A heavy demand for tickets for the August Wilson production of "Jitney" has prompted Crossroads Theatre of New Brunswick, New Jersey to add an extra show to the last day of performance.

Originally scheduled to conclude after the 3 p.m. performance on Sunday, May 18, the final show will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the theatre located at 7 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick.

The play, directed by Walter Dallas, the Artistic Director of Freedom Theatre in Philadelphia, is set in a jitney station—a self-created, self-supplied, self-owned, self-run taxi service—in which each man, after paying monthly dues, uses the jitney's well-known telephone number and location as the station from which they use their vehicles to make runs.

For information concerning tickets, call Crossroads' box office at (908) 249-5560.

African American Pulitzer Prize winner to be honored by MSU

UPPER MONTCLAIR—George Walker, a long-time Montclair resident and the first African-American to win the Pulitzer Prize for music, will be awarded an honorary doctoral degree at Montclair State University commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 16.

Honorary doctoral degrees will also be awarded to Deborah Pritz, the first woman to serve as Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, and businessman Josh Weston, chairman of Automatic Data Processing, Inc.

Walker, 74, is widely regarded as the dean of black American composers. He won the 1966 Pulitzer Prize for "Lilacs," a 16-minute work for voice and orchestra which was commissioned by the Boston Symphony Orchestra and premiered last year. It is based on the Walt Whitman poem, "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd."

He gave his first concert at the age of 14, and was a music major at Oberlin College one year later upon graduation. He was accepted to the Curtis School of Music in Philadelphia. He

made his debut at Town Hall in 1943, and later performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy. In 1956, Walker received a doctorate from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, after which he studied with Nadia Boulanger at the American Conservatory in France.

He has taught at Smith College, the University of Colorado and Rutgers University, where he was chairman, of the music department at the Newark campus until his retirement in 1992.

Walker has composed and published more than 70 musical works, among them overtures, symphonies, concertos, sonatas, string quartets, cantatas and a Mass. His commissions include works for the New York Philharmonic, the Cleveland Orchestra and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and he has been commissioned to compose an overture for the opening of the New Jersey Center for the Performing Arts in Newark. His works and piano interpretations have been recorded and are available on three CDs on the Albany label.

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NAACP honors contributions by Scientology president, founder

Rev. Heber C. Jentzsch, president of the Church of Scientology International, was honored recently by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) at the NAACP convention in Los Angeles for his support and contributions to the African-American community over the last three decades. L. Ron Hubbard, author, humanitarian and founder of the Scientology religion, was also honored posthumously for his contributions to resolving the problems of literacy and learning.

In the presence of NAACP national board members Regional Director Ernestine Peters and 300 NAACP leaders and members attending the NAACP western regional conference, Rev. Jentzsch accepted the Roy Wilkins Outstanding Leadership award for the Church's work to establish and defend human rights. He also accepted Mr. Hubbard's award, the NAACP Doctor W.E.B. Du Bois Outstanding Leadership Award.

In his acceptance speech, Rev. Jentzsch stressed the importance of literacy as a solution to crime, drugs and illiteracy, "which are the fertile ground for racism, conflict and the destruction of human rights" according to Rev. Jentzsch.

The Church has established and supports volunteer literacy programs throughout the United States and other nations. The most prominent program started in Compton, California out of the 1992 Los Angeles riots and rapidly grew into the World Literacy Crusade, a grassroots organization which has brought reading and study skills to thousands. Legendary composer and musician Isaac Hayes is the international spokesperson for the Crusade.

Upon introducing Rev. Jentzsch at the event, Rev. Alfredd Johnson, founder and director of the World Literacy Crusade, noted that "The Crusade was born from the ashes of the 1992 Los Angeles riots."

"Rev. Jentzsch was there," Rev. Johnson said, "and he helped us realize that we could do so much more to re-build our communities and our people and emerge stronger than before, through addressing one of the



NAACP HONORS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN LITERACY NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, left, and Regional Director Ernestine Peters, center, share a moment with Rev. Heber Jentzsch, President of the Church of Scientology International, after Rev. Jentzsch accepted the NAACP's Outstanding Leadership Award on behalf of L. Ron Hubbard, author, humanitarian, and founder of the Scientology religion. The posthumous award was presented to Rev. Jentzsch at a recent NAACP convention to honor Hubbard's tremendous contributions to the African-American community in the areas of literacy and education.

root causes behind the social problems facing us." He praised Rev. Jentzsch for his many contributions to the cause of bringing knowledge to the often forgotten and neglected children of America's inner cities.

Rev. Jentzsch said that he was "deeply touched and honored" by the award, which acknowledged his many contributions to African-Americans, including his work to vindicate civil rights in the 1970s and his exposure of involuntary experimentation and other abuses of minorities in the name of "mental health." "This is an especially great honor, as the NAACP is an organization to which all Ameri-

cans and all free people are indebted to," he added. "By fighting and winning the battles you have taken on, you have brought a future to so many people of all creeds and colors."

But the message they stressed in accepting the award was training on the future, not the past. "The World Literacy Crusade and its affiliated groups have expanded to more than 30 programs including the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Canada," he said. "We move into the 21st century it is time that all people be given the opportunity to achieve, and the opportunity to fulfill their true potential."

Hundreds mourn death of 'Queen Mother' Moore

By Tom Hays
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Hundreds of mourners paid their last respects to Audley "Queen Mother" Moore, a civil rights activist and black nationalist who befriended leaders from Marcus Garvey to Nelson Mandela.

The funeral at the Mount Olivet Baptist Church in Harlem drew a diverse group of black leaders, including Louis Farrakhan and Congressman Charles Rangel.

With green, black and red African liberation flags hanging from the church balcony and many mourners wearing colorful tribal robes, Farrakhan eulogized Moore as "the eternal mother of our struggle."

The 98-year-old activist died last week in a Brooklyn nursing home where she had been in a coma since January.

During a three-hour service featuring a gospel choir and African drummers, Farrakhan praised Moore for working outside the civil rights movement's mainstream and insisting that blacks embrace their African heritage. The Nation of Islam leader also cited one of her lifelong causes: the fight for federal reparations for blacks as compensation for slavery.

"When she was crying out for justice, she was crying out for reparations," Farrakhan said. "That cry will never die."

Moore made one of her last public appearances with Farrakhan in 1995 at the Million Man March. It was at another rally, in another era, that Moore, a Louisiana native, fifth-

grade dropout and granddaughter of a lynching victim, found calling.

Inspired by a speech in New Orleans by the founder of the back-to-Africa movement, Marcus Garvey, Moore moved to Harlem in the 1920s and became a leader of his Universal Negro Improvement Association. Moore, who later grew to detest the word "nigger," spent the next 60 years working for a variety of political causes and lecturing on college campuses as first a Communist, then a Republican, then a Democrat.

But above all, mourners recalled, Moore thought of herself as an African. On the first of many trips to Africa in 1972, Moore was given the honorary title "Queen Mother" of an Ashanti tribe in Ghana. Moore also attended Nelson Mandela's release from a South African prison.

At home, Moore was a legendary figure in Harlem. There, she was a mentor to generations of activists who knew her simply as "Mother." Malcolm X sought her counsel. So did a young Sharpton.

I loved Mother because she not only loved me in my strong moments, but forgave me in my weak ones," Sharpton said.

Even the more conservative Rangel, who grew up in Harlem, fondly recalled Moore teaching him "things I never heard about in the public schools, or even college."

And with her five grandchildren, Moore "made sure we knew who we were," said granddaughter Audley Warner.

She didn't bake cookies; she made gumbo, Louisiana style," Warner said. "She didn't take us to the zoo; she took us to Africa."

Religious Calendar

EVERY TUESDAY

HACKENSACK—Prayer service, 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 1000 Hackensack Ave. For more information call (201) 342-6118.

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HACKENSACK—After Church House Get Together 4 p.m.—Donation \$5. For more information call (201) 342-6118.

MAY 15, 17

UPPER MONTCLAIR—Garden State Herp Singing Convention. For more information call 201-609-2165.

NEW BRUNSWICK—4th Annual Super Gospel Show featuring Ron Winans and Rev. Timothy Wright at the State Theatre. For info, call 609-422-1783.

PLAINFIELD—Co-Ed Infield Basketball Tournament at the Plainfield High School Gymnasium. For more information, call Zion A.M.E. Church, 525 W. 4th St.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

OCEAN GROVE—Cynthia Rasmussen at the Garden State Herp Singing Convention. Part of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association's Gospel Musical Ministry. For more information, call 908-775-0636.

Send your Religious Calendar information to City News, PO Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07060

Thank the right thoughts

By Michael A. Grant

A single thought. A low microcurrent of energy flowing through our brains. A seemingly innocuous, almost ephemeral thought. And yet... John Roger and Peter McWilliam.

"I have found power in the mysteries of thought," Euripides, 438 B.C.

Have you ever wondered why some individuals can be born with the proverbial golden spoon in their mouth, cradled in the lap of luxury, given every means to support, and yet, end up as rags and rags while others can be born and raised in abject poverty but somehow manage to amass great wealth, develop their minds to the point of sheer brilliance, and give this world another model of excellence to emulate?

What is the ever-present catalyst that guides the chain of events that culminates in a thing called destiny? The answer is found in the realm of human thoughts. That is where the power lies. Simply stated at any moment of your life you are a reflection of your dominant, persistent thoughts. Acceptance of this truth can transform your life forever. But please be forewarned by a great thinker who concluded, "We are not our thoughts and our thoughts are not reality. We are the thinker of our reality and our thoughts are only our perception of reality."

What is the difference? If you know you are not your thoughts, you have the advantage of doing two things that many may not think to exercise as options:

1. You can stop identifying with negative thought about yourself and suffering the painful side-effects that result from them; and

2. You can ignore those thoughts that lead you away from what is it you want to accomplish or to enjoy.

For example, if a young lady has encountered a series of relationships with lovers who have treated her badly, by disrespecting her, more likely than not, she will begin to develop emotional defenses to protect herself from future abusive situations.

Her thoughts, springing from the well of her emotions, may sound something like this inside her head: "No one is going to hurt me again" or "You can't trust men" or "All men are dogs" or "I can be miserable by myself, I don't need help to be miserable," etc.

If the young lady is aware that she is not her thoughts and that her thoughts are not reality, she is instead, the thinker of her thoughts and her thoughts are just her perception of reality. She is better able to interrupt the painful pattern of her past. By conscious design, she creates distance between herself and those energy-draining and self-defeating thoughts.

Since she is the thinker of her thoughts, or what author Dr. Deepak

Chopra would call "The silent, intelligent knower behind the thoughts," the creator of those thoughts, she becomes aware that between each thought there is a million possibilities or choices of thought. And she can select to explain her predicament to herself.

First, to get control of her undesirable situation, she must interrupt a predictable train of negative, generalized thinking that only exacerbates her condition by making things worse than they really are.

Next, she could tap into the unlimited power of her mind by consciously choosing to simply let her thoughts flow. Are all men really dogs? Is it true that you cannot trust any man? Have you ever met a man anywhere on this planet that you could trust? With over 1,000,000,000 individuals on this planet, surely one can be trusted.

Next, she begins to empower herself when she chooses to free herself from the victim syndrome by acknowledging that, possibly, she was a co-conspirator in the love plot that resulted in her dilemma. She can choose to take responsibility for her role in the mistreatment and pattern of degradation. It is not true that people treat us the way we "train them to treat us." If we make doormats of ourselves, others will walk on us.

Moving from victim to victor, she now takes high command by choosing to expand her limited perception of reality (i.e., the men that I have dealt with treated me badly) to create a wider perception (i.e., of the millions of men who I have not met, maybe there is one who will love and respect me).

When one becomes aware of his or her private thoughts, of the conversation that goes on nonstop in his or her head, that individual suddenly realizes that what is happening in his or her life—love, money, friendship issues, etc.—for the most part, reflect what we tell ourselves through the thoughts that we allow to dominate our minds.

Unfortunately, for most of us — most of the time — our thoughts are self-defeating. They are working against our own best interest.

Psychologists tell us that of the some 20,000 thoughts (give or take a few thousand) that run through our heads each day, approximately 87 percent of them are negative! We are constantly tell ourselves what we cannot have, who we are not, who does not love us, who we cannot trust, what we do not like, how impossible or unrealistic something is, what we do not have to work with, and how hard and stressful

life is.

Those who are enjoying life, despite of its many obstacles, have learned that what is happening "out there" (our experiences) is generally a reflection of what is going on "in here" (our thoughts). It has been written that everything is created twice: First in the mind and then in reality. It is the old cause and effect theory at work.

So, now that you know how powerful thoughts are and that you can control them, let's have some fun with our power.

Want to go back to school to get that BA degree or master's degree or doctorate? Think: why not? Want to start that little business on the side or expand your present one ten-fold? More Others have done it with no intelligence or resources than I have. What to leave a job where your best efforts are not appreciated? Think: I'm probably wasting my energy and creativity when I could invest it somewhere or with someone who would just reward my efforts. Want to live the love life that sparkles with affection and is guided by true love and respect? Think: If it has happened for others with no more attractiveness, education or pleasing personality than I have, it can happen for me. Now, let's use the powerful affirmation: I will get for me!

Get the picture? Think the right thoughts. They are the words that make up the pages in the various chapters of the book that is your magnificent life. You are the author and you are the main character.

My sincere prayer for you is that you will take pen in hand and write a glorious story, one that will inspire others to seek that taking control of their thoughts will cause a change in the way they view reality as well.

Remember, a change in thoughts causes a corresponding shift in reality. One begins to replace an image of self as a bewildered survivor on a boat that is being tossed capriciously about on the stormy seas of life, with a far more empowering image of a captain at the helm of his great ship, skillfully navigating through life's tidal waves and bringing it safely into port. God bless!

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director.

In the 28th district, part of Essex County, retired police officer Larry Brown is challenging incumbent Democrat Ronald Rice, who has served in the Senate since 1986, has said he will challenge Newark Mayor Sharpe James next year, and this is believed to be the reason he is opposed in the primary. Both Brown and Rice are retired law enforcement officers who are active in the community. The primary will be the deciding election since no Republican candidate filed a petition.

The 34th District, parts of Passaic and Essex counties, is where the state's most contentious race may be. Fourteen-year Republican incumbent Joseph L. Bubba has fallen out of favor with party leaders and is being challenged by Passaic County Freeholder Norman Robertson, who has been endorsed by the GOP. Both Robertson and Bubba are expected to wage aggressive campaigns.

In the 36th District, parts of Bergen, Essex and Passaic counties, GOP incumbent John Scott, 64, of Lyndhurst is in a bitter fight with attorney Richard DiLaocio, an ally of 36th District Assemblyman Paul DiGaetano, the majority leader.

In the 40th District, parts of Bergen and Passaic counties, 12-year GOP incumbent Henry McNamara is being opposed by attorney Christina Farrington of Wyckoff.

In the 20th District, parts of Union County, incumbent Democrat Ray L. Smith is being challenged by Stan Moskal.

In the 27th District, parts of Essex County, incumbent Democrat Richard J. Codely will face a primary challenge from Andre M. Jensen.

In the 3rd District, parts of Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties, incumbent Republicans Jack Collins, the Assembly Speaker, and Gary W. Suhltrager are being challenged by newcomer Edward J. Reynolds.

In the 13th District, parts of Monmouth and Ocean counties, where GOP incumbent Joan H. Smith is retiring, incumbent Republican Joseph Azzolina is seeking re-election. Karen A. Zalelet and Sam Thompson are also seeking the GOP party nomination.

In the 17th District, part of Middlesex County, incumbent Democrats Gerald Green and Robert Smith are seeking re-election. Also seeking the Democratic party nomination is Ben A. Detter.

In the 20th District, part of Union County, incumbent Democrats Neil Cohen and Joseph Suliga are being challenged by Bob Jaspian and Bob Griffith.

In the 23rd District, parts of Mercer, Warren and Hunterdon counties, incumbent Republicans Leonard Lance and Connie Myers face challenger Susan Dickey, a Warren County freeholder.

In the 24th District, parts of Sussex and Hunterdon counties, incumbent Republicans E. Scott Garrett and Guy Gregg are seeking the party nomination along with challenger David I. Courish.

In the 25th District, part of Morris

County, incumbent Republican Michael Carroll faces John Inglesino, Rick Merli and Patrick Donofrio for the party nomination.

In the 26th District, parts of Morris and Essex counties, incumbent Republicans Alex DeCroce and Carol Murphy are being challenged by Peter J. King, Thomas Gitta and Matthew Young.

In the 27th District, part of Essex County, incumbent Democrats Niall Gill and Leroy Jones are being challenged by Cassandra T. Savoy, Reuel Moore and Ruth DeCosta.

In the 28th District, part of Essex County, incumbent Democrats Wilfredo Caraballo and Craig Stanley are being challenged by Joanne Miller, Juan Barreto, George Invernizzi, David Huemer and Alvin Roscoe Coleman.

In the 29th District, part of Essex County, incumbent Democrat Willie Brown faces Donald Tucker, Fernando Lihoues, Benjamin Amos, Gerald J. Pagano, Lee Fisher, Carl Sharif, William D. Payne, Jeffrey Dykes and Dwayne Warren for the party nomination. Brown has been nominated to a post on the Board of Public Utilities and could not serve in the Assembly if appointed to that post.

In the 32nd District, parts of Hudson and Bergen counties, incumbent Democrat Anthony Imprevuto and Joan Quigley are being challenged by Edgar Martinez.

In the 34th District, parts of Passaic and Essex counties, incumbent Republicans Marion Crecco and Gerald Zecker face challengers Paul W. Borrelli and Harley D. Breite. Crecco and Zecker are being backed by the party while attorney Breite and stockbroker Borrelli, both of Wayne, are being backed by Senator Bubba.

In the 36th District, parts of Bergen, Passaic and Essex counties, incumbent Republicans Paul DiGaetano and John Kelly are being challenged by William Roseman, the mayor of Carlstadt, and Angelina Pascheria of Belleville.

Several members of the Assembly are seeking Senate seats. Many of these races will be tight contests. In the general election, Democrat Sean Dalton will oppose Republican Senator John Matheussen in the 4th District. Republican John Rocco will oppose Democrat Senator John Adler in the 6th District. Republican Diane Allen will run for the 7th District seat being vacated by retiring Senator Jack Casey and oppose Democrat Robert P. Brodenick. Democrat Shirley Turner will oppose Republican Senator Dick LaRossa in the 15th District. Republican Walter Kavanaugh will run for the 16th District seat being vacated by retiring Senator John Ewing and oppose Democrat Michael Ignatoff.

Like Republican challenger Barry in the Senate's 25th District primary, four other former legislators are hoping to get back into office. They include Democrat Joseph A. Mecca, seeking an Assembly seat in the 34th, Republican Stephen Mikulak, seeking a Senate seat in the 19th; Democrat Thomas Paterniti, seeking to win back his Senate seat in the 18th; and Democrat Anthony Marsella, seeking a seat in the Assembly 4th.

Judge Williams reserves decision on constitutionality of CRDA spending

By John Curran
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—New Jersey voters were sold on casino gambling under the premise that the state's share of the proceeds would go to programs benefiting seniors and the disabled.

But tinkering with the constitutional amendment that was passed in 1976 has led to a process that returns some of the state's revenues to the casinos themselves.

And Donald Trump is going to court to stop the process, even though he has benefited from it.

Trump, who wants to stop construction of a \$330 million road and tunnel being sought by competitor Mirage Resorts Inc., says the planned use of casino revenue to help underwrite the tunnel would violate the amendment.

"Twenty years after the amend-

ment ... guess where the money is going? To casinos! We're giving money to casinos! It's mind-boggling," Trump lawyer John J. Barry said recently during a hearing in state Superior Court.

The hearing before Judge Richard Williams was held at the request of the state Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, which wants a court ruling on the constitutionality of its spending.

Trump brought up the issue in a lawsuit filed in March against the CRDA, the state Department of Transportation, the South Jersey Transportation Authority and Mirage.

The lawsuit was dismissed in federal court by a judge who said the court should address the question of whether the state can legally use casino tax revenue proceeds for things besides programs for seniors and the disabled.

The suit has cast a cloud over the CRDA, which is having difficulty mar-

keting its bonds as a result, CRDA lawyer Michael Cole told Williams.

Currently, casinos pay the state 8 percent of their annual gross revenue, with the money going to the Casino Revenue Fund to benefit senior citizens and the disabled.

In addition, they pay 1.25 percent of their gross revenue to the CRDA for state-approved projects, in Atlantic City and elsewhere, that benefit the public.

In 1993, the law was amended to include casino hotel expansions as allowable uses for the money by CRDA. The reason for the change: spurring the casinos to build more hotel rooms to complement the city's new \$268 million convention center, which opened recently.

In all that time, nobody, not even the advocates of seniors or the disabled, complained, Cole said. After all, the money was going to help revitalize Atlantic City, which was the point of casino gambling in the first place, he

said.

"In the entire period, we have had no hue and cry from the people who were the beneficiaries of this and no one saying, 'We've been shanghaied,'" Cole said.

Barry said the investment alternative tax raises money that should be considered state casino revenue and therefore usable only by the Casino Revenue Fund.

Should Williams rule in favor of Trump, it could bring the tunnel plan and the remainder of construction on the CRDA's \$100 million corridor project to a halt.

Ironically, Trump has accepted millions of dollars in CRDA money for expansions of his casino hotels. If he succeeds in the court challenge, however, the CRDA would no longer help finance such expansions.

Asked about the contradiction recently, Trump said he would accept CRDA money as long as it was legal.

Elected officials show support of postal workers amid rape hoax

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gested to Frazier to write to the Newark Acting Plant Manager Joe Chambliss and the Postmaster General Marvin Runyon in Washington. They asked for that letter to be sent to their office as well, which they will follow up on upon receipt.

Over the past year, Frazier has sent letters concerning the incident to a number of city councilpersons, congresspersons, Mayor Sharpe James, and Attorney General Janet Reno. City Councilwoman Mildred Crump has written a letter herself to Attorney General Reno denouncing the decision not to file criminal charges against Wight. "Your reprinting of our act was no more than a slap on the wrist. I believe her false charge demanded a more serious response," Crump states in her letter, which also noted the history of false accusations against black men.

On Friday, Frazier received a letter from Councilman George Branch stat-

ing his concern. "While it would appear that the United States Justice Department had the discretion to use the Pretrial Diversion Program, it equally should have accepted the moral and ethical responsibility to have extracted an apology on behalf of the African-American men who were embarrassed and inconvenienced by the admitted fraudulent rape charges," the letter stated, adding that it was "disturbing" that Keeney's letter did not seek to ease tensions or have Chambliss do so on behalf of Attorney General Reno.

Last month, Congressman Donald Payne voiced concern over the issue, and Attorney General Reno responded to Frazier only after a petition of 100 names were sent to her office.

Fredica Bey, Chairwoman of Women in Support of the Million Man March, of which Frazier has recently become a member of its Board of Trustees, noted the history of false accusations, recalling certain events

surrounding the U.S. Army and the four white female soldiers who say they were coerced into falsely accusing black soldiers of sexual assault. "Whatever we can do, we're behind (William Frazier) 1000 percent," she said. "This particular incident is really poignant because this is a federal institution."

She commented further on the slow response to the issue by some elected

officials. "Most of our elected officials have gotten too comfortable, taking us for granted," she said, pointing out that no one as allowed any longer to speak at city council meetings, nor will they be televised as they were in the past.

A member of Councilwoman Crump's staff said there may be a news release regarding this issue from her office in the near future.

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